

Peninsula - Public Facilities Financing Plan

Financing Strategy

The City of San Diego has a variety of potential funding sources for financing public facilities. A portion of the funding for the needed facilities will be provided as a part of the subdivision process by developers and by impact fees. Potential methods for financing public facilities are described below:

- A. **IMPACT FEES (DIF)** - Impact fees are a method whereby the impact of new development upon the infrastructure is assessed, and, a fee system developed and imposed on developers to mitigate the impact of new development. DIF cannot be used for existing development's share. Impact fees are collected at the time of building permit issuance. Funds collected are deposited in a special interest bearing account and can only be used for identified facilities serving the community in which they were collected. As sufficient funds are collected, the City proceeds with a construction program. Use of impact fees is one of the financing methods recommended for Peninsula.
- B. **TRANSNET, GAS TAX**, and other programs such as a state-local partnership program may provide funds for community transportation projects. These funds will be allocated annually and may be used to fund a portion of the long-range capital need for future transportation improvements in Peninsula.
- C. **ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS** - Special assessment financing, using 1913/1915 Assessment Acts or a Mello-Roos District could be used as a supplementary or alternative method of financing some facilities. A Mello-Roos District requires a 2/3 approval vote for passage. Other assessment districts generally require the support of the majority of the community. If an assessment is subject to Proposition 218, it would require a 2/3 vote.
- D. **LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACTS** - Funds may be used for parks, recreation, open space, installation/construction of planting and landscaping, street lighting facilities, and maintenance. These ballot measures require 2/3 voter approval for passage.
- E. **GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUES** - Cities, counties and school districts may issue these bonds to finance land acquisition and capital improvements. The bonds are repaid with the revenues from increased property taxes. Bond issuance require 2/3 voter approval for passage.
- F. **CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (COP)** - These funds may only be used for land acquisition and capital improvements. City Council approval is required and a funding source for Debt Service must be identified.

- G. **LEASE REVENUE BONDS** - These funds may only be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- H. **BUSINESS LICENSE TAX REVENUE** - These funds are currently allocated for general City operations; but, may be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- I. **CAPITAL OUTLAY (LEASE REVENUE)** - These funds are to be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- J. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)** - This is a Federal grant that is applied for annually. Applications are reviewed annually; City Council and HUD approval are required.
- K. **FRANCHISE FEE REVENUE** - The City collects franchise funds from San Diego Gas and Electric and cable companies for use of City right of way. These funds are currently allocated for general City operations; but, may be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- L. **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND** - These funds are applied for and are used only for bikeway projects. City Council and Federal approval are required.
- M. **MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FEE (MVLFF) REVENUE** - The State allocates a portion of vehicle license fee revenue to local governments. These funds are currently allocated for general City operations; but, may be used for capital projects. City Council approval is required.
- N. **PARKING VIOLATION REVENUE** - These funds are currently allocated for general City operations; but, may be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- O. **PARKING METER REVENUE** - These funds are currently allocated for general City operations; but, may be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- P. **PARK SERVICE DISTRICT FEE (PSD)** - This fee is charged at the subdivision level and can only be used for parks and park improvements. City Council approval is required.
- Q. **PROPERTY TAX REVENUE** - Property owners are taxed one percent of the assessed value of the property. The City receives approximately 17 percent of the one percent. These funds are currently allocated for general City operations; but, may be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- R. **TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT)** - The City's hotel tax is 10.5 percent and is currently allocated to eligible (tourist related) organizations that request funding annually and to tourist related City activities; but, may be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.

- S. **ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS** - In the years prior to the passage of Proposition 13, the City was able to respond to community facility needs by using a portion of sales tax revenue to support the Capital Improvements Program. This has not been possible for some time. However, if other revenues are increased, annual allocations could again be used to fund some capital facilities. This is a recommended method of funding some park and recreation facilities and transportation improvements. City Council approval is required.
- T. **PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS** - Any private donations received by the City for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.

Potential methods for financing public facilities are described below:

- U. **UTILITY USERS TAX** - These funds may be used for any general City operation or capital improvement. These require 2/3 voter approval for passage.
- V. **SPECIAL TAXES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES** - These funds may only be used for libraries and library improvements. These require 2/3 voter approval for passage..
- W. **SPECIAL TAXES FOR FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION** - These funds may only be used for fire and police activities. These require 2/3 voter approval for passage.
- X. **PARK AND PLAYGROUND ACT OF 1909** - These funds may be used for parks, urban open-space land, playground, and library facilities. These require 2/3 voter approval for passage.

General Assumptions and Conditions

In connection with the application of the above methods of financing, the following general assumptions and conditions would apply:

1. Developers will be required to provide facilities normally provided within the subdivision process as a condition of subdivision approval, including but not limited to traffic signals.
2. Abutting property owners are responsible for frontage improvements such as sidewalks, curbs and gutters.
3. The DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE will be paid by the developer at the time of building permit issuance.
4. DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE funds collected will be placed in a trust account with interest earnings accumulated for use in the community planning area for identified facilities.

Development Impact Fee Determination

Background

The Peninsula Community Plan area is almost fully developed. Thus, the majority of the required public improvements will have to be provided through special funding mechanisms other than DIF. In late 1987, staff developed and recommended impact fees for 28 urbanized communities, including those for the Peninsula Community Plan area, to mitigate the impact of new development on public facilities. The City Council adopted the recommended fees. Since the community is near build out, the fees will provide only a small portion of the financing needed for the facilities.

Distribution of Project Costs and Fee Determination

Development of the actual DIF to be imposed is based on the extent or degree to which each type of development generates a demand for, or receives benefit from the various existing public facilities. For example, all development generates vehicular traffic and thus, on an equitable basis, should share in the cost of transportation projects.

Development Impact Fees were determined for the various categories of needed public facilities on the basis of total amount of development at community plan build-out and on the basis of additional public facilities needed at community plan build-out. The impact fee base includes all project needs except those identified as subdivider funded. The fees also include a 3% charge to cover City administrative costs.

Transportation

There is a clear relationship between the use of transportation facilities and the generation of vehicular trips based upon land use. In the report "San Diego Traffic Generators," authored by CALTRANS and SANDAG, the traffic generated by various classes of use is detailed. This report summarizes data collected at major regional traffic generators as well as neighborhood and local traffic generators in the San Diego area. Traffic counts taken at each facility are related to various characteristics of the facility such as size, type of use, number of employees, floor area, parking spaces, or number of persons. For impact fee purposes, multi-family residential development is assumed for Peninsula (and all other urbanized communities). The residential portion of the impact fee reflects an average daily trip factor (ADT) of seven as a basis for determining the impact fee. A considerable range has been found for traffic generation in non-residential developments depending on the character and use of the property. Non-residential land-uses typically generate between 100 to 900 average daily trips per acre. For non-residential development in the Peninsula Community, average daily trips were used.

Using the approved land use intensity and trip generation rates, the total number of trips at community plan build-out is estimated to be 214,221. An analysis of the DIF eligible street improvements required at community build-out (estimated costs in FY 2001 dollars)

\$146 per trip and \$1,022 per dwelling unit. The fee per dwelling unit is calculated by using the average daily trip rate factor of seven. These amounts will be paid by all future development.

Libraries

Library needs are based on population which is derived from the number of dwelling units estimated at build out. Therefore, only residential developments are charged a DIF for a library.

Based upon General Plan standards and a forecast of total population in Peninsula at build-out, it is determined that the existing branch library totaling 4,894 square feet will need to be expanded by 20,106 square feet. The estimated cost of expansion is \$10,168,000, which allocated to the 18,443 dwelling units (includes NTC redevelopment increase of 850 units) results in a fee, including administrative costs, of \$568 per unit.

Park and Recreation

Park and Recreation needs are based on population derived from the number of dwelling units in the community. The Park and Recreation Department has identified projects needed in the Peninsula Community at build-out. These are shown in Table 1 and in detail in Appendix A. Allocating total park and recreation facility costs of \$23,560,000 to the residential development at build-out of 18,443 units, results in an impact fee, including administrative costs, of \$1,316 per unit. This amount will be paid by all future residential development.

Fire Facilities

The Fire Station portion of the impact fee relates to the cost of providing fire facilities to adequately provide fire protection services to both residential and non-residential development within the community. Residential impact fees are based on an average cost per dwelling unit. The average cost per 1,000 square feet of gross building area is used to determine fees for non-residential development.

Using the Peninsula proportionate share of needed facilities totaling \$2,639,000 results in an impact fee of \$114 per residential dwelling unit and \$114 per thousand square feet of non-residential development. This amount will be paid by all future development.

Development Impact Fee Schedule

The resulting impact fees for Peninsula are as follows:

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY					COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	
Transportation	Library	Park	Fire	Total per Residential Unit	Transportation	Fire
\$ Per Residential Unit					\$/Trip	\$/1,000 sq. ft. of Gross Building Area
\$1,022	\$568	\$1,316	\$114	\$3,020	\$146	\$114